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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request - Tracking No. 874541

Dear Mr. Kick:

This letter is in response to your February 25, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for MSHA's "FOIA request log covering 2018, which includes a field showing the subject of each request and a field for the final disposition."

We conducted a thorough search of our records which resulted in the enclosed CD. Some information has been withheld under FOIA exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), which permits the withholding of information that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request please do not hesitate to contact my office at 202-693-9542 or the DOL FOIA Public Liaison, Thomas Hicks, at 202-693-5427 or by email at [hicks.thomas@dol.gov](mailto:hicks.thomas@dol.gov). Alternatively, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration (OGIS) to inquire about the mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

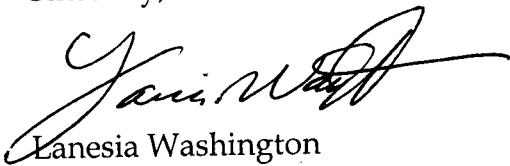
Office of Government Information Services  
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If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Solicitor of Labor within 90 days from the date of this letter. The appeal must state in writing the grounds for the appeal, and it may include any supporting statements or arguments, but such statements are not required.

You can now file your MSHA forms online at [www.MSHA.gov](http://www.MSHA.gov). It's easy, it's fast, and it saves you money!

In order to facilitate processing of the appeal, please include your mailing address and daytime telephone number, as well as a copy of the initial request and copy of this letter. The envelope and letter of the appeal should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Any amendment to the appeal must be made in writing and received prior to a decision. The appeal should be addressed to the Solicitor of Labor, Division of Management and Administrative Legal Services, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N2420, Washington, DC 20210. Appeals may also be submitted by email to [foiaappeal@dol.gov](mailto:foiaappeal@dol.gov). Appeals submitted to any other email address will not be accepted. You may also fax your appeal to: (202) 693-5538.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lanesia Washington", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lanesia Washington  
MSHA Freedom of Information Act Officer  
Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances

Enclosure